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TAKING THE PLUNGE FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Lady Red Devil guard Valerie Peters (10) meets the St. Francis defense on this play.
 (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

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Logger forward Maxwell Reed (24) looks to pass as he drives the lane against Ellsworth. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

pg. 3B

Participants gathered in East Jordan last Saturday for the 2nd annual B.I.T.T. Outdoors Ice Fishing Tournament & B.I.T.T. Plunge sponsored by MC Sports of Petoskey. The fundraiser event brought together fishermen and winter enthusiasts alike to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Nearly \$1,700 in total was raised for the organization that is close to Event Coordinator Shelley Bush's heart.



PICTURED: Dylan Anderson, 8, of East Jordan flies into the water before local firemen quickly help him out of the freezing temperatures. Anderson was the youngest participant in Saturday's plunge.

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Freeman Family Enterprises purchases East Jordan Save-A-Lot Store

By Jim Akans
 As of Sunday, February 24th, the East Jordan Save-A-Lot store will be under the new ownership of Freeman Family Enterprises, owners of 17 other Save-A-Lot northern Lower Michigan locations stretching from Midland to the south, Alpena to the east, Traverse City to the west, and Cheboygan to the north. They will assume ownership from current East Jordan Save-A-Lot owner, Scott Roggenbeck and plan to give the store some extensive interior updating while continuing to provide customers the same high quality of customer service and economical grocery pricing they have come to


expect when shopping at Save-A-Lot.
 "Scott has done a great job operating the East Jordan store over the years," states Tim Freeman, president of Freeman Family Enterprises. "We look forward to serving the customer base he has established, and being involved in and supportive of the East Jordan community. The store will be managed by Helen English, who has been the assistant manager of our Gaylord store for several years."
 Freeman Family Enterprises employs approximately 350 people here in Michigan, and expects to have between 15 and 20 employees at the East Jordan store. The orig-



inal Gaylord Save-A-Lot store was launched in January of 2000, and the Freeman's 18 stores represent their being the third largest retailer group among the 1,400 Save-A-Lot stores nationwide. Their commitment to excellence in customer service can be traced back to the Freeman family's roots with Glen's Markets. Tim, along with

his brothers, Tom and Paul, were employed with Glens, and their grandfather, C. Glen Catt founded Glen's Market. Their uncle and father were both actively involved in the ownership when that business was sold in June 1999.
 Tim Freeman recalls, "My fa-

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East Jordan selected to receive emergency dredging funds

East Jordan Parks and Recreation Director, Tom Cannon, recently announced through the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce that the community has been selected to receive emergency dredging funds for the harbor. The Michigan Waterways Commission recently passed a resolution that will put \$21.9 million in dredging Michigan harbors over the next two years. East Jordan has been selected as one of the public harbors to receive emergency dredging funds this spring and 100% of the project will be compensated by the Michigan DNR.

Part of the resolution also in-

cludes streamlining of the DEQ permits and will allow longer time periods to finish dredging.

The City is working on design and engineering plans for the sediment diversion wall, which was planned for this spring. Since the diversion wall is part of the DNR infrastructure projects, which are on hold, continued efforts for funding to be reestablished.

This financial support will ensure that the entire harbor is dredged to appropriate depths and will open docks that have not been useable for several years. With having 100% of the harbor open, the boater experience will be

greatly improved as short term and "shopper" docks will be relocated for improved access. Our 60' docks will also have suitable depth for larger vessels.

A huge Thank You goes out to our business owners, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, State Representative Greg MacMaster, and City Commission. Although these efforts have been going on for several years, a recent team effort has shown the State of Michigan how critical the harbor is to the East Jordan community.

Charlevoix Area Community Pool named "Business of the Month"

By Jim Akans

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected Charlevoix Area Community Pool as the February Business of the Month, recognizing the organizations longstanding commitment in helping to make the Charlevoix area an outstanding community in which to live, work and play. Nearly 50 years ago, the late Ralph Hamilton, a member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club, envisioned and promoted an indoor pool for Charlevoix. The Friends of the Pool's many volunteers, spearheaded by Bruce and Barbara MacArthur, made the pool a reality in 1997. In 2004 the pool went public with the passage of a Recreational Authority Millage for the City of Charlevoix, Hayes and Charlevoix Townships.

The pool serves a number of recreational, therapeutic, water safety training, educational and team competition purposes for the community all year long. Among those are swimming lessons, water fitness programs, certification programs for lifeguards and other water professionals, Special Olympics swim team training, Senior Swims, Char-Em School District swims, Open Swims for the public and more.

Al Gooch, director at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, states, "We have three full time employees and at this time of year, 20 or so part time employees. Betsy Granstra worked for me in Midland and I got her to come up to Charlevoix after a few tries. Megan Wuerth was from Petoskey, worked for us a teen, went to CMU and got a degree in recreation.



The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has selected the team at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool as the February Business of the Month. Shown here are (from left) Jean Musilek, Betsy Ganstra, Al Gooch and Megan Wuerth. COURTESY PHOTO

She interned with us and we offered her a full time job. Jean Musilek has worked several years for us as an exercise instructor and this last year was hired as our marketing & communications manager. Other staff members include high school and college students, moms with children who work part time, adults as a second job and young retirees."

He adds, "Safety is our first priority, but we also offer a friendly environment so swimmers will have a good time and want to come back. We train staff to be friendly but firm, so training includes ongoing re-certification in Lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR, as well as, customer service ideas.

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DAVE Says

Dave Ramsey



More than just a problem

Dear Dave,
My mother-in-law has a serious credit card problem. She can't afford stuff, but she shops anyway, acquires more and more credit and thinks she'll pay for it all later somehow. Her husband has bailed her out a few times, but he's unwilling to do it anymore. My wife and I, and her sister, want to address this issue, but where do we start?

Jonathan
Dear Jonathan,
First of all, you need to stay out of the discussion. This is something for her daughters to handle, and her husband needs to be part of it, too. He's closer to this and feels the effects more than anyone else in the family.

They need to sit down with her in a closed setting, where there are no interruptions, no television and no one else. Start with the fact that they love her and care about her deeply. This part is really important. But they also have to walk through what's going on, and let her know they're tired of watching her destroy herself and her marriage with this immature and irresponsible behavior.

Everyone involved should understand going in that they're likely to receive a volatile, angry reaction from this lady. Sometimes people get ticked off when they hear the truth, especially when it's connected to their own misbehavior. It may even be a good idea for your wife, her sister and your father-in-law to get some advice from a family counselor beforehand. What we're really talking about here is an intervention.

were a drunk, you'd want to try and make her see how alcohol was hurting her and the relationships she has with her family. Basically, she has a credit card addiction, and it's wreaking havoc on her marriage and their financial well-being. Show as much love and understanding as possible, but someone has to say something and draw a line in the sand. Otherwise, this behavior will eat everyone alive!
—Dave

Closing whole life

Dear Dave,
I want to get out of my whole life policy. Should I formally close out the old policy, or just stop paying the premiums?

Anonymous
Dear Anonymous,
Close out the old policy once you have a good, term life insurance policy in place. I recommend 15- to 20-year level term insurance equal to 10 to 12 times your annual income. For instance, if you make \$40,000 a year, you should have \$400,000 to \$500,000 in coverage.

Term life insurance is much less expensive than whole life. Plus, did you know that you lose the part of your whole life policy known as the "savings plan" or "cash value" when you die? They only pay the face amount of the policy. So, close it out and stop pumping money into that thing!

But don't leave yourself uninsured. Make sure you have the proper coverage in a term policy first. There is never a good time to save money inside a rip-off, whole life, cash value insurance plan!
—Dave

Tickets available for Men's Conference

The 2013 "A Higher Call" Men's Conference returns March 16th, to the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord. The theme of this year's conference is Bulletproof and features an outstanding lineup of speakers including an Army Ranger featured in a blockbuster movie, a Navy Seal, and a 2 time collegiate national hockey champion.

Jeff Struecker was a decorated member of the U.S. Army's most elite fighting corps and was prominently featured in the national best-seller "Black Hawk Down", later made into a major motion picture. In the city streets of Mogadishu, Somalia, Jeff was faced with his greatest fears. He was forced to rely on his skills and his "bulletproof faith" to bring him through some of the most intense combat the U.S. Military has seen since the Vietnam War. Today, he challenges and inspires audiences with his gripping account of that experience under fire and in the face of death. A man of courage and conviction, Jeff Struecker uses his personal story of survival on the battlefield to teach his listeners how they, too, can be prepared for any circumstances life has to offer.

Days before Chad Williams was to report to military duty in Great Lakes, Illinois, he turned on a television and was greeted with the horrifying images of his mentor, US Navy SEAL Scott Helvenston, being brutally murdered in a premeditated ambush on the roads of Fallujah, Iraq.

Steeled in his resolve, Chad followed in Scott's footsteps and completed the US military's most difficult and grueling training to become a Navy SEAL. One of only 13 from a class of 173 to make it straight through to graduation, Chad served his country on SEAL Teams One and Seven for five years, completing tours of duty in the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Iraq.

Author of his new book SEAL of God, Chad shares his journey through the grueling Naval Ops training and onto the streets of Iraq, where he witnessed the horrors of war up close. Chad shares his own radical conversion story and talks about how he draws on his own experiences as a SEAL to help others better understand the depths of Christ's sacrifice and love.

After Ryan Sharpe's son, Maverick, almost died, he began sharing his story. It is a unique story, full of victories and failures, tragedies and triumphs. It is sure to provide hope and inspiration for others. Ryan is a 2-time collegiate hockey national champion who speaks at numerous events on topics such as trusting God, improving your marriage, parenting, leadership and teamwork.

Ticket deals are available for early orders and larger groups. For more information, please visit the conference website www.ahighercall.com or call the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church at 989-732-2647.

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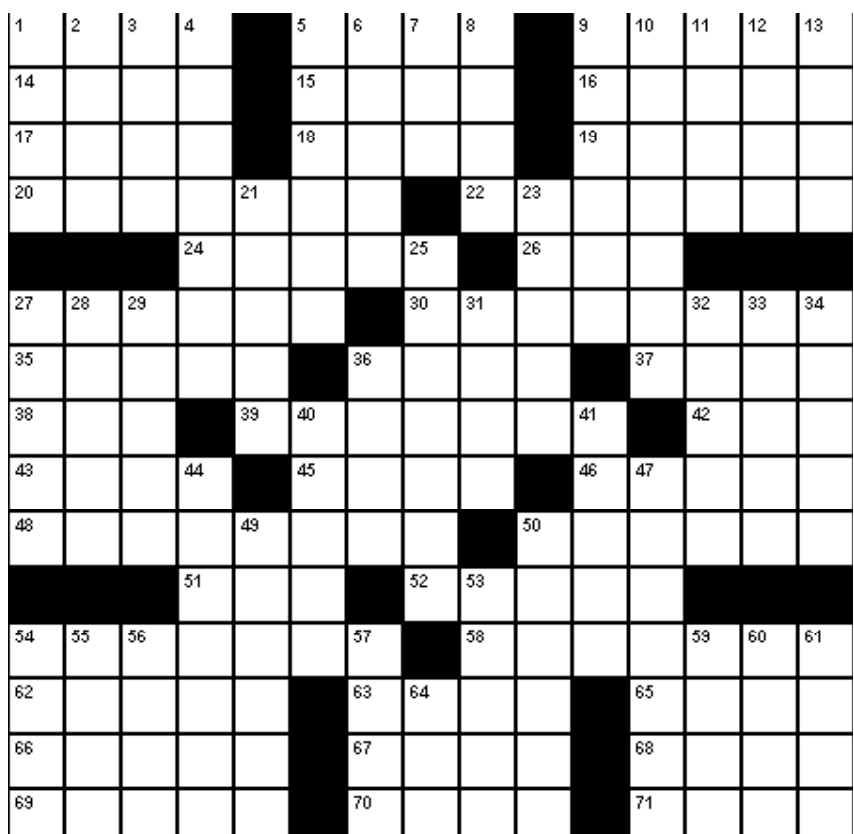
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22- Paper used to absorb ink; 24- Swan-like aquatic birds; 26- Where It's at; 27- Pester; 30- Interfered with; 35- Author Calvino; 36- "All The Way To ___", song by REM; 37- Russian airline, ___ flt; 38- Spearheaded; 39- Coupling; 42- Cal. pages; 43- Not of the cloth; 45- IRS IDs;

46- Digression; 48- Ceylon, now; 50- Faveolate; 51- Hail, to Caesar; 52- Sierra ___; 54- Bondage; 58- An item in a series; 62- Small house; 63- Cupid's counterpart; 65- Authenticating mark; 66- Old French expression meaning "goodbye"; 67- Back of the neck; 68- Writer Sarah ___ Jewett; 69- Raison ___; 70- Exceeded the limit; 71- Inert gas;

Down

1- Teen follower; 2- Icicle site; 3- Film unit; 4- Forbidden by law; 5- Mistreats; 6- Thorny flowers; 7- "Lord, is ___?"; Matthew; 8- Captain of the Pequod; 9- Recover; 10- Asmara is its capital; 11- Latvian, e.g.; 12- End in ___ (draw); 13- Crowd sound; 21- Greek fabulist; 23- Yellowish citrus fruit; 25- Endless; 27- Small mountains; 28- Shed ___; 29- Spokes; 31- Black cuckoos; 32- Pardon; 33- Wear down; 34- Gave a measured amount; 36- Hazard; 40- Moore's TV boss; 41- Profits; 44- Musical instrument keyboard; 47- Felt hat; 49- Wide street; 50- Self-assured; 53- Run away with a lover; 54- Great quantity; 55- Fill with cargo; 56- Slightly; 57- Cravings; 59- Able was ___.; 60- Second start?; 61- Secluded spot; 64- Dr. Dre's genre;



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THURSDAY



HIGH: Low 20's
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FRIDAY



HIGH: Low 30's
LOW: Upper 20's

SATURDAY



HIGH: Mid 30's
LOW: Mid 20's

SUNDAY



HIGH: Mid 30's
LOW: Low 20's

snowfall

2011-12	.....Amt	2012-13	.....Amt
2/20/2012	.....29.3	2/18/2013	.....37.1
2/20/2012	.....28	2/18/2013	.....73.5
2/20/2012	.....49.4	2/18/2013	.....86.1
2/20/2012	.....72.4	2/18/2013	.....97.3
2/20/201228	2/18/201334.1
2/20/201239.2	2/18/201353.3
2/20/201249.7	2/18/201391.4

record temps

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2134°F14°F52°F (1983)-20°F (1978)
2235°F15°F57°F (2000)-24°F (1963)
2335°F15°F57°F (1984)-20°F (1962)
24	.....35°F	.....15°F	.....54°F (1976)	.....-24°F (1963)
25	.....36°F	.....15°F	.....55°F (1976)	.....-20°F (1963)
26	.....36°F	.....15°F	.....62°F (2000)	.....-31°F (1963)
27	.....36°F	.....15°F	.....62°F (2000)	.....-16°F (1994)

OBITUARIES

Beverly 'Bev'
Jeanne Kaiser, 85

(MARCH 9, 1927 - FEB. 14, 2013)

Beverly "Bev" Jeanne Kaiser of Charlevoix Township died peacefully on Feb. 14, 2013, in Charlevoix, of natural causes following a brief illness.

Beverly was born March 9, 1927, in River Rouge, Mich., to Mary Crawford of Ohio and Royal Van Patten of New York. Beverly was a musically talented child who played piano and sang beautifully. She earned a degree in music from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where she also met her husband, Elbert Kaiser, a future chemical engineer. They were married Aug. 26, 1949, in Dearborn, Mich. Bev and Elbert had three children and a wonderful life together. The couple celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary last year.

In addition to her family commitments, Bev enjoyed successful careers as both a piano teacher and a real estate broker. Over the years, although she and Elbert lived in Ohio, Florida, California, and many cities throughout Michigan, their favorite place was Charlevoix. Elbert was the plant manager for the local Medusa Cement Company, and they happily decided to stay in Charlevoix after his retirement.

Bev was an energetic, involved presence in whatever she pursued. In addition to her music, she had a passion and affinity for reading books, playing golf, taking nature walks, doing crossword puzzles, engaging in lively conversation, tending to flower gardening, and artfully painting in oils. Bev also carefully followed neighborhood issues, local politics and the financial markets. She was a skilled bridge player with her friends, and a savvy stock market player with the investment club she helped organize.

Bev is survived by her

husband, Elbert, of Charlevoix; daughter, Linda, and son-in-law, William Shannon, of Royal Oak, Mich.; son, Paul, and daughter-in-law, Annie, of Northville, Mich.; son, William, and daughter-in-law, Robin Daley, of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and by granddaughters, Catherine, Caroline and Madeline Kaiser, and Kathy and Debbie Shannon.

At Bev's request, no services will be scheduled. Her family invites all of Bev's many friends to celebrate her life in their thoughts and in their hearts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital, or to the Charlevoix Public Library.

Garland P Russell, 94

(AUG. 8, 1918 - FEB. 16, 2013)

Garland P. Russell of Echo Township died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at his home.

He was born Aug. 8, 1918, in Echo Township, the son of Ernest W. and Lillie M. (Murray) Russell.

On June 30, 1946, he married Elsie Herington in Echo Township, and made their home in Kewadin. They moved to Detroit in 1952 and then to Ellsworth in 1958 and later moved to Echo Township. Mrs. Russell died in 1965.

Mr. Russell joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. He was a veteran of World War II serving with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Pacific.

He was a truck driver most of his working life and was employed by the East Jordan Iron Works for many years.

Mr. Russell enjoyed reading, studying the Bible and working with his Ford tractor.

Surviving are his children, Gordon (Sally) Russell of Bellaire, Charlotte (William) McArthur and Raymond (Cathy) Russell, all of East Jordan; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and

nephews. He was preceded by a granddaughter, Amber Dixon; a sister, Ilo Hartman; and brothers, Marvin Russell and Leslie Russell.

The funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Breimer officiating.

Burial will be in Dunsmore Cemetery in Echo Township. Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Family Services in Ellsworth. Sign the guestbook at hastingsfuneral.com.

Maureen Ballenger, 72

(APRIL 25, 1940 - FEB. 14, 2013)

Maureen Ann (McMullen) Ballenger passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on February 14, 2013. She led a gracious,

generous life for 72 years and will be missed greatly by her husband,



Don, her family, and many friends in the community.

Maureen was born on April 25, 1940 in Lansing, the oldest of three daughters of Raymond and Marjorie McMullen. She grew up in Gaylord and graduated from Gaylord High School as the president of the class of 1958. She spent two years at Michigan State University and joined the long-standing legacy of Spartan fans in the McMullen family.

Maureen's career took her all over the country as a young woman with a great sense of adventure. She lived in Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Flint in her twenties. Then in her thirties, she returned to Gaylord and spent several years working as a food broker where she became a foodie before anyone had coined the term. She was always a great cook and having a job where she could visit grocery stores every day and talk about food was a perfect match. By the late seventies, she was ready for a change so she took a giant leap of faith and moved to Vail, Colorado. Within a year, she met the love of her life, Don Ballenger, and had a storybook wedding in the Rockies on July 19, 1980. She and Don lived there for several years where they were employed in the real estate business. Their love of the South called them in the late eighties and they moved to North Carolina where they would spend several years. Maureen was able to rekindle her great love for history when she became the manager of the Weymouth Foundation in Pinehurst, NC. A few years later she and Don moved to Staunton, Virginia and she

found another great job as the office manager at the Historic Staunton Foundation. Her best memory from those years was leading walking tours of the historic district where she could combine her love of history and meeting new people.

When Maureen and Don moved back to Gaylord in 2004 to care for her mother, she lent her organizing talents to the Otsego County Historical Society and the First Congregational Church. In between those commitments, she became the unofficial tour guide for summer garden walks, cross country skiing excursions, finding good new restaurants, and attending concerts by the Northern Michigan Chorale in Petoskey. Reading long biographies about fascinating people and discussing politics and current events made her happy, but planning trips with Don was even better. They loved their explorations of Colorado, the Carolinas, DC, and Virginia, but two trips to Paris topped them all.

Those left behind to cherish Maureen's life are her husband Don; her sisters, Peggy (Gene) Reeder of Austin, TX and Marilyn (Rich) Cobb of Torch Lake; her nieces Michelle (Jim) Smith of Battle Creek, Marcy (Andy) Shinrock of St. Joseph, Cara (Tomas) Aguirre of Trinidad, CA, Kendra (Nick) Kilmer of College Station, TX; her great nieces and nephews, Darcy Myers; Mason, Olivia and Griffin Shinrock; Diego, Zavier; and Paloma Aguirre; Keith and Brooke Kilmer. Her two cats, Coco and Lovie will miss her, too.

Her parents, Raymond and Marjorie McMullen, precede Maureen in death.

A memorial service was Saturday, February 16 at the First Congregational Church in Gaylord.

Cremation has taken place with interment at a later date at Fairview Cemetery. The family wishes to thank Munson Home Health Hospice and the Otsego Memorial Hospital Oncology Infusion Center for their caring support.

Contributions in memory of Maureen Ballenger may be made to the Otsego County Historical Society, Munson Hospice or to the Otsego Memorial Hospital Oncology and Infusion Center, through the Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. Friends may offer condolences online at www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com.

Lawrence 'Larry'
Rhine, 54

Lawrence "Larry" Rhine of Charlevoix passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013.

Larry grew up in Harbor Springs, and graduated Charlevoix High School in 1978. He then went on to serve in the United States Navy, working on the USS Cochrane DDG-21.

After the military, Larry was a sailor on professional ships and oil rigs and loved fishing at all the places he went along the way. Hunting and fishing were the great passions of Larry's life and he lived for doing both as much as he could.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends of Bill W. Larry was very proud to be sober and serving his friends and community for the past six years. He is preceded in death by his father, Victor, and brother, Tony Rhine.

Larry is survived by his four brothers, George Rhine of Charlevoix, Pat (Sarah) Rhine of Parkton, N.C., Jeff (Cindy) and, James Jr. (Jean) Novotny, of Charlevoix; and his four sisters, Victoria Rhine of Orlando, Fla., Cathy (Tim) Bradley of Charlevoix, Cherry (Bob) Ripley of Traverse City, and Avis and Marshall Rhine of Spring Lake, N.C. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews.

A visitation and memorial service for Larry Rhine will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Charles G. Parks Funeral Home, 1720 U.S. 31 North, Petoskey. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., with a brief service to follow. After the service, a luncheon will take place at the Petoskey Eagles Club, 313 Water St., Petoskey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to his mother, Cathy Novotny, to help at this time. Arrangements are being handled by Charles G. Parks Funeral Home in Petoskey.

Nancy R. Wood, 89

(NOV. 3, 1923 - FEB. 10, 2013)

Nancy R. Wood of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, at her daughter's home in Petoskey.

She was born Nov. 3, 1923, in Kansas City, Mo., to Roy J. and Blanche (Voltz) Lee. She grew up in St. Joseph, Mo., and Phoenix, Ariz. Nancy graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

On Dec. 26, 1942, she married Raymond Wood in Dallas, Texas. They made their home in Phoenix, Ariz., and Berkley, Mich., before moving to Charlevoix in 1953.

Nancy worked for the District Court as a child probation officer for Charlevoix and Emmet counties. In 1979, she was honored with the Liberty Bell Award from Governor Romney. She served on the planning commission for the city of Charlevoix from 1987 to 1998.

She was a member of the

First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 72, Charlevoix Garden Club, American Legion, Red Hats, volunteered at Charlevoix Area Hospital, coordinator for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Charlevoix, leader and on the council of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She was a scribe for Earl Young and in her youth she modeled and sang and played guitar in an Arizona cowgirl band. Ray preceded Nancy in death on July 22, 2000.

She is survived by her children, Vance (Toni) Wood of Charlevoix, Brad Wood of Costa Mesa, Calif., Sharon (Ted) Emerson of Sterling Heights, Linda Judy of Petoskey, Debbie (John) LaCout of East Jordan; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and she will be greatly missed but her memory will be with us forever.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Women's Resource Center.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

Fran Tollas, 82

Frances Wilma Tollas was born to Julius and Lois (Housel) Hanslovsky on July 6, 1930 in Detroit. She moved to East Lansing, and graduated from East Lansing High in 1948. She graduated from University of Michigan in

1953 with Bachelor of Arts in Music. She met Robert Tollas at U of M.

They married and eventually moved to Charlevoix where Bob set up his dental practice.

Fran later earned a degree in music performance from Grand Valley State College. She taught private voice lessons to many gifted and appreciative students. She was principal in starting the Little Traverse Choral society and the Men's Glee Club.

Fran's love of music surrounded her in everything she did and in everyone she met. She had a way of pulling the joy out of people's hearts through the expression of music. Hether it was by teaching someone how to use their voice, how to play the piano or be a part of a chorus. Her gift of music will continue through all who know her.

Fran was a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, and the Church Choir.

Fran is survived by her husband, Robert C. Tollas and their children, Daniel A. (Terry) Tollas of Petoskey, David W. (Nadia Begin) Tollas of Arcosanti, Ariz., Debra Ann (Ken) Cormier of Boston, Mass., Dane A. (Lynne) Tollas of Petoskey, Diane M. (Andrew) Cesario of Petoskey; grandchildren, Nina, Jeremy, Grace, Addison, Tristan, Sasha, and Lily Rose; great-granddaughter, Emily; brother, Jules (Fay Mitton) Hanslovsky of East Lansing.

Friends may meet Fran's family at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix from 6-8:00 pm Friday, February 22. A memorial service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, February 23, at the First Congregational Church

in Charlevoix, the Reverend Neil Wilson officiating. Interment will take place in the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

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Winners at Saturday's event in the children's division are Cole Diss of Charlevoix (LEFT) and Logan Master of East Jordan.



Winners of the 2013 B.I.T.T. Outdoors Ice Fishing Tournament are pictured from left: Jack Sevenski, Will Skrocki, Amos Skrocki, and Don Schlappi.



Jerry Massey makes his way out of Lake Charlevoix with a splash.

B.I.T.T. Outdoors Raises \$1,700 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

By Krystal Birgy

Participants gathered in East Jordan last Saturday for the 2nd annual B.I.T.T. Outdoors Ice Fishing Tournament & B.I.T.T. Plunge sponsored by MC Sports of Petoskey. The fundraiser event brought together fishermen and winter enthusiasts alike to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Nearly \$1,700 in total was raised for the organization that is

close to Event Coordinator Shelley Bush's heart.

"I myself have spent months in the hospital over the past eight years, so raising money for these kids and their families is a true joy for me in itself," said Bush.

Bush's son, Jacob Bush raised the most money as an individual for the organization. For weeks he visited local businesses to get donations for the non-profit, raising nearly \$500. This year was to be Bush's second year participat-

ing in the B.I.T.T. Plunge, but due to illness he was unable to take the icy dip. Bush donated his sponsorships to cousin Dylan Anderson for his jump. Anderson, 8, of East Jordan was Saturday's youngest to complete the plunge.

Jodie Thomas and Karen Nigg made up the lone team that joined in Saturday's underwater fun. Sponsored by Bay View Dermatology of Petoskey, Thomas and Nigg won awards for most

money raised by a team, best team plunge, and best team costume. Of the 10 individual plunge participants, Jamie Maher of East Jordan was awarded with best plunge, and Steven Spiegl was awarded for best individual costume for his gorilla get-up.

Taking home the top prize at the ice fishing tournament was Jack Sevenski for the largest walleye of the day with a 6.72-pound catch. In second place was

Will Skrocki of East Jordan with a 6.16-pound walleye. In third was Kirk Smith with a 4.82-pound walleye. And taking both fourth and fifth place was Amos Skrocki of East Jordan with two 4.32-pound walleyes. Port prize went to Don Schlappi for his 10.34-pound pike. Winners of the children's division were Cole Diss of Charlevoix and Logan Master of East Jordan.



Sponsored by Bay View Dermatology of Petoskey, teammates Jodie Thomas (LEFT) and Karen Nigg were first to take the icy plunge at Saturday's event.



Sponsored by Concord Academy Boyne and Fox Motors of Charlevoix, Josh Farmer cannonballs into the 3-1/2 feet of water at the Tourist Park.



Chris Diehr takes the final jump into the South Arm at Saturday's event.



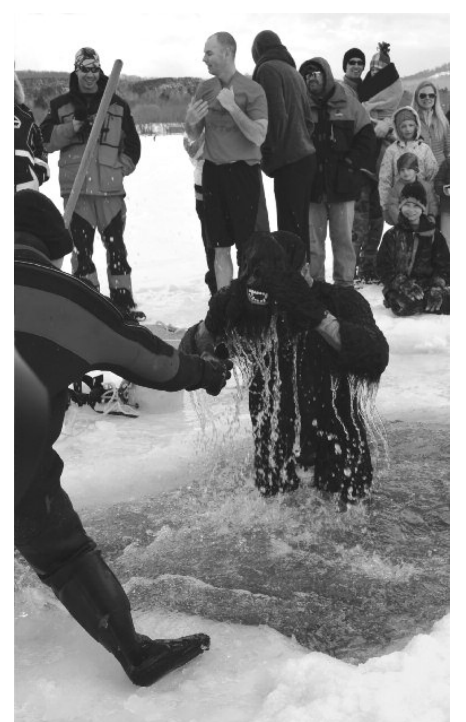
Event Coordinator Shelley Bush awards cousins Jacob Bush (LEFT) and Dylan Anderson with passes to Avalanche Bay for most money raised. Bush spent weeks fundraising at local businesses but was unable to jump at Saturday's event due to illness. Together the boys raised nearly \$500.



Randy Satchwell of MC Sports in Petoskey leaps into the water with style.



Store manager of MC Sports in Petoskey, Dan Shuten attempts to take video as he plummets into the lake.



Winner of best costume for an individual, Steve Spiegl isn't monkeying around as he makes his way out of the lake.

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Ellsworth Dessert Tasting Last Weekend

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Mary Beth Jones winner

L-R Dalton Jones, Marybeth Jones, Alana Haley (presenting prize).



National Honor Society serving (L-R) Kendra Warner, Megan Drenth, Whitney Heard, Amanda Veenstra and Hannah Heard.



Collin Essenberg with door prize

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Young Soldier Home for Now, but Plans future Return to Afghanistan
"I feel blessed to be in the U.S. where I don't have to worry about someone taking a family member away."
Photo: Sgt. Troy Debuschek would love to stay in Afghanistan. He is home in Michigan and enjoying his time with his family and friends. He is home in Michigan and enjoying his time with his family and friends.

Antique Auto Show & Flea Market
37th Annual Boyne City Event Takes Place This Weekend
Boyer City's 37th Annual Antique Auto Show and Flea Market will be held at the Boyne City Community Center on Saturday, August 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boyer City Public Marina Ranks High
BOYNE CITY — What a surprise for boating and fishing enthusiasts in Boyne City's Great Escape public marina has done the trick. The marina has ranked in the top 10 in the nation for the 10th year.

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Filing your tax forms just got easier with the assistance offered at the Charlevoix Public Library, through a partnership with the Northwest Community Action Agency. A free, online tax filing site is available through the library's website www.charlevoixlibrary.org. For those who would like more hands on assistance, a certified tax preparation volunteer will be available Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. Patrons are asked to just drop in, but come prepared with all tax information needed for filing. The volunteer will be on hand to help walk patrons through the online site. If more one-on-one assistance is needed, the volunteer will take appointments. These free services are available to those filers with household adjusted gross income less than \$7,000. This service is provided at no charge.

The Charlevoix Public Library is also providing many paper tax filing forms. Basic state and federal tax forms are available to pickup in the main hall near the check-out desk. Reproducible books of the tax forms are also available. Tax forms that are not on hand are available online; staff will be available to assist patrons find their form. For more information about the tax assistance available at the library, or to make an appointment, call the Information Services Desk at 231-237-7340.

Sen. Walker offers free tax preparation guides

LANSING—Residents of the 37th state Senate District looking for tax preparation information can obtain a free copy of the 2013 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide by visiting Sen. Howard Walker's website, the lawmaker said Friday.

The guide, which is a reference for the 2012 tax year, is designed to help residents prepare their state tax returns.

"It can be a challenge to keep up with the changes to the tax laws every spring," said Walker, R-Traverse City. "But it is essential that we all have reliable, updated information when preparing our returns. That's why once again I am happy to offer the 2013 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide free to anyone who visits my website."

The booklet contains information on Michigan's income tax, property taxes and tax credits. Included is a year-long listing of important property tax dates and deadlines as well as copies of the most commonly used tax forms. The guide also features addresses, phone numbers and email information for obtaining state agency tax assistance.

Walker added that the guide is meant as a helpful resource and not as a substitute for Michigan Department of Treasury tax instruction booklets.

Residents can contact Walker's office toll-free at (866) 525-5637 to reserve a free copy.

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Business of the Month

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We also keep the water temp at 84 and try to keep the air temp a degree or two higher. Higher than any other pool that I know of.”

The organization and its employees are also highly involved in the Charlevoix area community. Jean Musilek notes, “The Pool supports our surrounding communities every chance we find! We consistently donate Pool passes to auctions seeking to raise monies for the local good. Some instances of donations in the past few months included “The End of the World Party” at Cafe Sante in Boyne City which raised funds for their downtown ice rink and we also donated to an auction for GO Grants, an organization that allocates funds to girls who may not otherwise be able to participate in a variety of activities, such as dance, art classes, or

equine training.”

She adds that the Pool hosts school children in courses that include swim and water safety instruction. They are also very active with Charlevoix, Boyne City, Petoskey, and East Jordan Chambers and Musilek is a Charlevoix Chamber Ambassador.

“As the Community Relations Manager,” she states, “I actively seek new ways to promote our communities. The Pool is truly a vital link to our community’s health and recreation and my intention is to attract patrons not through programs alone but through local support.”

Look for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool’s presence at several upcoming area events, including Business Expo’s in Charlevoix, Boyne City and Petoskey, and as the Dunk Tank Sponsor at the 2013 Venetian Festival.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is located at 11905 US 31 in Charlevoix.

For additional information, visit their website at www.charlevoixpool.org or call (231) 547-0982.

Save-A-Lot

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ther, Denny Freeman, actually managed the East Jordan Glen’s Market from 1963 to 1967. Our family and team of employees understand the grocery business here in Northern Michigan. We are the low-price leader for groceries in this area, and we focus on providing exceptionally fresh produce and meats. Our exclusive brands of shelf products offer national brand quality and flavor, with savings that can reach up to 40% for our customers compared to conventional grocery stores.”

Save-A-Lot’s bi-weekly product features have become highly anticipated sales events for local shoppers. Offering even deeper discounts on items such as top-grade meats, fresh produce and national-brand quality shelf products, these extra bargains provide incredible savings and maximize grocery dollars.

Freeman notes, “Our stores are clean and well laid-out, our

products fresh, we trim and grind our meats, yet there is a difference. Our stores are smaller, without the “bells and whistles” such as a deli counter, bakery, seafood display, alcoholic beverages and even tobacco products. We appeal to shoppers who want a simple grocery buying experience...get in, find what they want, and not get distracted with a sea of unrelated products.”

Over the years, Save-A-Lot has consistently given back to the communities they serve, through food donations and participation in events held by a host of charitable organizations.

Tim Freeman states, “It is a philosophy that my grandfather, C. Glen Catt established when opening the first Glens Market back in 1951. We understand the importance of being involved in the events and programs that benefit the communities we are in. Like offering top-quality products and service, it is part of our family heritage.”



The 6,700 square foot Goodwill Retail and Donation Center in Petoskey is located at 1600 Anderson Road. PHOTO BY DAVE BARAGREY

Goodwill Retail & Distribution Centers in Petoskey and Gaylord

By Jim Akans

It is a well-recognized name that symbolizes services and programs that provide a means for people in need to get back on their feet and regain their treasured independence. Goodwill has been around since 1902, when a Boston area Methodist Minister named Rev. Edgar Helms began collecting used household goods and clothing, and hired those who were down on their luck to mend and repair those goods for resale. Here in Northern Michigan, Goodwill opened their doors at Asgard Enterprises in 1972, and today the non-profit organization offers vocational, housing, transportation, nutritional and family strengthening programs across the region.

Goodwill also continues to offer gently used clothing, household items, books, home décor accessories and more at their Retail and Donation Centers. In our area, centers are located in Petoskey and Gaylord, employing a total of 34 people, utilizing proceeds from sales at each location to help support programs throughout Northern Michigan that help people overcome barriers to independence.

“Part of our business model is also being ‘green,’” observes Ruth Blick, Director of Marketing and Communications for Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan. “Everything that is donated to our stores is either reduced, reused or recycled. Items that come in that don’t meet quality standards go thru our salvage program. We are also in partnership with Dell Reconnect and we accept all types of

computer equipment and recycle those items. Many people don’t realize that a computer monitor can contain up to a pound of lead. We are able to safely recycle those units.”

Goodwill also recycles metal items, cardboard, purses, belts, shoes, books and clothing. The gently used items on the sales floor follow a rotation model where they are on display for four weeks a regular price, then half-off for a week, then reduced per item to 99-cents for adult sizes and 49-cents for children sizes, and those items are finally recycled if not sold.

“So there are always items at sale prices when someone visits our store,” observes Ruth Blick. “People want to see different items on display when they visit us. Thousands of items are regularly coming in and going out of our stores.”

Submitting items for donation is easy. Each location has a drive up donation center, open 7 days a week, and members of the Goodwill team will happily unload items from the donor’s vehicle.

The 6,000 square foot Goodwill Retail and Donation Center at 1361 Pineview Drive in Gaylord is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 7 pm, and Sunday from 11am until 6 pm. The 6,700 square foot Goodwill Retail and Donation Center at 1600 Anderson Road in Petoskey is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 8 pm, and Sunday from 11am until 6 pm.

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Eat Heart Healthy

By Deb Hagen-Foley

February is American Heart Month and Go Red for Women Month. These events are intended to bring attention to the fact that cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for both men and women. Women often do not believe they are at risk for heart disease.

In the United States, someone dies of cardiovascular disease every 33 seconds, or about one million people annually. Cardiovascular disease is often preventable by changing the behaviors that can put you at risk, including changing your diet. Eating a diet low in saturated fats, sodium, and cholesterol can help to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Numerous foods have been shown to improve heart health.

You have probably seen the commercials that claim oatmeal and other whole grain cereals are good at helping to control weight and in lowering cholesterol. Those claims are true. People who report eating whole grains tend to be leaner and have a lower risk of heart disease. The antioxidants, phytoestrogens and phytochemicals in whole grains protect against coronary disease. Add raisins or berries to your cereal for a doubly heart healthy breakfast.

Eating a cup of mixed berries daily for eight weeks was associated with increased levels of HDL or "good" cholesterol and lowered blood pressure in one study. Other studies have shown similar benefits from eating berries regularly. It is believed that the polyphenols in berries increase levels of nitric oxide, helping to relax blood vessels and lowering blood pressure. Antioxidants in raisins fight the growth of a type of bacteria that can cause inflammation and gum disease.

Probiotics in yogurt are also protective against gum disease. Up to 50 percent of American adults are affected by gum disease. Persons with gum disease are twice as likely to have heart problems. Eating raisins and yogurt can help protect you from both gum disease and heart disease.

Eat beans to lower cholesterol. It is believed that the soluble fiber in beans binds cholesterol and prevents it from being absorbed in the body. Beans also contain flavonoids that slow the bonding of platelets in the blood, which can lower the risk of heart attack and strokes. Reap the benefits of consuming beans on heart health by consuming about one-half cup



Fish, particularly the oily kinds, like salmon and tuna, contain omega-3 fats, which lower triglycerides in the blood. Omega-3s also lower blood pressure and can prevent irregular heart rhythms.

Charlevoix Area Hospital hosts Heart-Healthy Grocery Store Tour

Will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 1:00-2:30pm, at Glen's Market in Charlevoix

In honor of February as American Heart Month, the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department has teamed up with our Nutrition Services to bring the community a Grocery Store Tour that will help people to make smart and informed food choices when doing their weekly shopping.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Program Director for Cardiac Rehabilitation Tina Foltz said that

they want to host this event to make healthy shopping easier for the community. When life is busy, it can be overwhelming trying to plan and make healthy meals, and with so many health claims bombarding people, it can be difficult to sort through the labels to find the food items that are really best for you.

The tour will respond to some of these health claims, and will also give brief tutorials about label and ingredient reading, how to navigate the aisles, and general shopping tips.

The goal of the tour is to provide a new per-

spective for how people approach grocery shopping, to answer nutritional questions that shoppers may have, and help shoppers learn easy ways to plan and make healthy meals at home.

Glen's Market is located at 111 M66 N in Charlevoix. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, so registration is required. For more information on Shop for Your Heart or to reserve a spot on the tour call Tina Foltz in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Department at 231-547-8525.

of beans daily.

Flavonoids are also found in chocolate and wine. Consuming moderate amounts of dark chocolate helps to thin the blood, improving heart health. Dark chocolate may also reduce inflammation and boost the immune system. A compound in cocoa, epicatechin, increases nitric oxide and improves blood vessel health and helps prevent high blood pressure. Milk chocolate does not contain sufficient amounts of epicatechin. If you are going to eat chocolate for

heart health, make sure to choose dark chocolate.

People who drink moderate amounts of alcohol are less likely to have heart disease than those who do not drink alcohol. Moderate alcohol use raises "good" HDL cholesterol, decreases inflammation and helps to thin the blood, preventing blood clots. Drinking moderately also increases estrogen, which protects the heart. This may be especially beneficial to postmenopausal women who are at greater risk for heart disease due to their reduced estrogen

levels.

Include two or more servings of fish weekly to reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease. Fish, particularly the oily kinds, like salmon and tuna, contain omega-3 fats, which lower triglycerides in the blood. Omega-3s also lower blood pressure and can prevent irregular heart rhythms. Canola oil, flaxseed oil and walnuts also are good sources of omega-3s.

People who eat nuts two to four times per week have a lower incidence of heart disease. Walnuts, pecans, almonds, pine nuts, hazel-

nuts and peanuts contain monounsaturated fats that are good for heart health. Another common snack, popcorn, is also good for heart health. Popcorn contains three times more of the antioxidant polyphenols than kidney beans. Other foods that contribute to heart health are apples, green tea, bananas, pomegranates, and tomatoes.

For the sake of your heart, incorporate moderate amounts of these foods into your balanced diet.

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BOYNE CITY

Business after hours

The Brook Retirement Community will host the Boyne Area Chamber's Business After Hours networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at 701 Vogel St. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments are complimentary.

BOYNE CITY

Benefit

Fund-raising efforts are under way to help the family of Mike Stead with medical expenses and lost wages due to Mike's serious heart condition that will require a transplant. A benefit pizza dinner will be held at Boyne City High School from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction; donations for both are welcome. For further information, contact Suzanne Francis at 231-675-7506 or Mandi Jones at 675-7291.

CHARLEVOIX

Moonlight Snowshoe/Ski and Bonfire

Saturday, February 23, 5-10pm at Nathan Barry Driggers Preserve, Charlevoix County. Join Conservancy staff for an evening of moonlight, snow and a warm bonfire. The 1.5 miles of trails at this wonderful 75-acre preserve offer wooded pathways and open meadow star gazing. Ski or snowshoe the trails on your own or with a LTC guide to the top of the hill for a moonlit view of Lake Charlevoix. Hot drinks and snacks will be awaiting you at the bonfire.

ELLSWORTH

Spaghetti dinner

Fundraiser for Surgical Needs for Ken Kicklighter / Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction / Saturday, February 23, 4 - 7 p.m., at the Ellsworth Elementary School / Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Silent Auction Items collected at this time: tickets for Detroit Pistons game, Chateau Chantrel tour tickets, stay at the Weatherlane Hotel, etc. Still in need of a few items if someone would be interested in donating them: hamburger, spaghetti noodles, lettuce, drinking cups, parmesan cheese, desserts, and silent auction items. If you are interested in donating or have questions, please do not hesitate to call Sheila at 231-459-8346.

PETOSKEY

Torchlight Snowshoe Outing

Experience the solitude of the wilderness as you snowshoe by torchlight at Camp Daggett from Saturday, February 23, 5pm - 9pm. Afterward, come in from the cold for a cup of hot chocolate, freshly baked cookies and to warm-up by the crackling fire in camp's beautiful main lodge. This event is sponsored by Bearcub Outfitters to promote all that Camp Daggett offers children and the community. Buy raffle tickets for great Bearcub products with all proceeds going to Camp Daggett. Admission is free, donations are encouraged, and snowshoes are available for all ages!

BOYNE CITY

Paint the Town Red

Boyne City Booster Foundation is excited to announce details about its 2013 fundraiser, "Paint the Town Red". The festive fundraising gala is scheduled for February 23rd at Boyne Mountain Resort and will feature entertainment by "Soul Street", a five piece Detroit based Motown band. Tickets include a fun night

of auctions, dinner and dancing. Dinner includes wine, "heavy" hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Tickets are available for \$50 at the Boyne City offices of Ralph Gillett, CPA, Mark Patrick State Farm Insurance, and Local Flavor Books. There will be no tickets sold at the door and a limited number are available.

CHARLEVOIX

Isle Royale and Beyond

On Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30pm, Isle Royale and Beyond will be the topic of adventure. The beauty and uniqueness of Isle Royale National Park are brought alive through photography, music, Isle Royale sounds (calls of loons and wolves, thunderstorm, campfire, etc.), and the narration of eco-photographers Ann and John Mahan of Gaylord. The Mahans tell of canoeing and backpacking on the island and share their thoughts upon leaving the wilderness and of the human species' role as a part of nature.

EAST JORDAN

Fundraiser

East Jordan Middle School 7th Grade Students will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner, Auction and Bake Sale. Tuesday, February 26 from 5-7 PM at the East Jordan Middle School. Support the E.J. 7th Grade Washington D.C. Fundraiser. Single Ticket \$6 - Family Ticket \$20 Salad, Roll, Spaghetti and drinks... Lots of delicious desserts to purchase. Tickets can be purchased from any 7th Grade Student or at E.J. Middle School Office.

BELLAIRE

Art, Film, Philosophy: Collaboration in Art

Wednesday February 27 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Bellaire Community Hall, 202 North Bridge St. Join us for a community discussion on collaborative art with letterpress and intaglio printmaker Chad Pastotnik, visual artist Glenn Wolff, and author Jerry Dennis, who have collaborated on four projects together since 2001. Jerry Dennis includes collaborating with Pastotnik and Wolff among his "greatest pleasures in a long and pleasurable career." Part of the 2013 Art, Film, Philosophy series, a partnership of ISLAND and Parkside Arts Council. Donations appreciated. A partnership of ISLAND and Parkside Arts Council. For more information call (231) 622-5252 or email yvonne@artmeet-search.org

BELLAIRE

Winter Indoor Farming

Thursday February 28 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Bellaire Community Hall, 202 North Bridge St. Learn what indoor farming is, and how you can begin farming next week! Paul Murray has been farming wheatgrass and other sprouts indoors for over five years, and is a familiar face at farmers markets around Northern Michigan. This workshop will cover all the materials you'll need, where to get them, as well as how to plant, grow, and harvest your crops. Incorporating your harvest into your diet will be discussed and demonstrated. \$5-10 suggested donation. A partnership of ISLAND and the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference. For more information call (231) 622-5252 or email yvonne@artmeet-search.org

BOYNE CITY

Indoor farmers market

The Boyne City Farmers Market moves indoors for the winter and spring on Saturday at the Red Barn next to the Boyne District Library on Park Street. The

indoor market will continue every Saturday through April from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can purchase Holiday Gift Certificates and share the gift of local healthy food. Boyne Bucks from the Chamber are also now honored at the market. Bridge Cards are also welcome all year at the Market.

CHARLEVOIX

Farmers market

The Charlevoix Farmers Market will be held indoors at the Charlevoix Public Library the every Thursday from 9am-1pm, November through May.

BOYNE CITY

Avalanche Park

For a true winter experience, Avalanche Park has it all with its large ice rink, famous sledding hill, and ski and snowshoe trails. The City of Boyne City hopes the Avalanche ice rink will be in full operation before Christmas with an attendant, free skate and sled loaners, warming house and restrooms.

EAST JORDAN

Open Golf night

The East Jordan Boys & Girls Golf Teams are holding Open Golf Night at the East Jordan Civic Center on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. This is open to the public...EJ Golf Team players have the first option to use matted area. Bring your own clubs or there are clubs to use. If you are an East Jordan Student and are thinking about golf, this is a good opportunity to check out the golf program.

BOYNE CITY

Computer classes

Free computer classes are held at the Boyne District Library at 10am every Friday. Classes are tailored to your skill level, beginner to advanced. Help is available for iPads and the new Windows 8. For information, call the Library 582-7861.

BOYNE CITY

Junior Achievement returns

Junior Achievement is getting re-established with four classes of fifth graders (100 students) in the Boyne City Public Schools. The program needs teachers, donors and board members to make the effort succeed. Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization "dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs." JA's unique approach allows volunteers from the community to deliver the curriculum while sharing their experiences with students. If you are interested in getting involved or learning more about the program, contact Mark Pankner, interim district manager, at 231-582-4660 or by email at janso@jo.org.

CHARLEVOIX

Tax Preparation Assistance

Filing your tax forms just got easier with the assistance offered at the Charlevoix Public Library, through a partnership with the Northwest Community Action Agency. A free, online tax filing site is available through the library's website www.charlevoixlibrary.org. For those who would like more hands on assistance, a certified tax preparation volunteer will be available Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Patrons are asked to just drop in, but come prepared with all tax information needed for filing. The volunteer will be on hand to help walk patrons through the online site. If more one-on-one assistance is needed, the volunteer will take

appointments. These free services are available to those filers with household adjusted gross income less than \$57,000. This service is provided at no charge.

EAST JORDAN

World Day of Prayer

The Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan will host the annual prayer service in celebration of the World Day of Prayer to be held this year on Friday, March 1. The service will begin at 1 pm.

CHARLEVOIX

Incas and Islands

On Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30pm, brings a tour of the Incas and Islands with local residents Rick and Cindy Malamed who just recently spent time on a trip to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos. The Malameds will begin their tour of South America's greatest treasures at the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu and the fascinating Galapagos Islands. They also travel to the magnificent Sacred Valley exploring the stunning "Lost City of the Incas," and the amazing flora and fauna of the islands.

PETOSKEY

Father and Son Weekend

Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers or big brothers are invited to bring their sons (ages 7-14) Friday-Sunday, March 8-10 for a fun filled Father/Son weekend, March 8-10, at Camp Daggett. Cost is \$150 for father/son, plus \$50 for each additional son. Space is limited and registration is on a first come first served basis. Participants can expect a weekend of fun and adventure as they try their hands at various outdoor activities and enjoy wild game lunches and dinners in front of the lodge fireplace. From 6p.m. Friday to 10 a.m. Sunday. For additional information or to register, please contact Ed Leverenz at Camp Daggett, 231-347-9742 ext 112.

CHARLEVOIX

Back porch music

Held the second Saturday of each month, Sept. through May, the next Back Porch music event will be on Saturday, March 9th at 7pm. We will be featuring Ryan Luce. This is a community event for all ages, held at the Charlevoix Senior Center building. The featured performer will share music from 7 to 8:30 p.m., followed by a circle jam session with area musicians. Suggested donations are \$5/person, \$10 /family; all donations are for the scheduled performer. Light refreshments available at no charge.

GAYLORD

A Higher Call

The 2013 "A Higher Call" Men's Conference returns March 16th, to the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord. The theme of this year's conference is Bullet-proof and features an outstanding lineup of speakers including an Army Ranger featured in a blockbuster movie, a Navy Seal, and a 2 time collegiate national hockey champion. Ticket deals are available for early orders and larger groups. For more information, please visit the conference website www.ahighercall.com or call the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church at 989-732-2647.

CHX/EMMET COUNTIES

Planning begins for Project Connect

Local human service agencies are once again joining forces. Planning for the sixth annual Charlevoix-Emmet Project Connect has begun. This year the

event will be held on Wednesday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building at the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey. Project Connect connects people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives. Individuals or businesses interested in donating items might consider conducting a drive at their business, school, or faith community. Lists of specific food, personal care, household, or other items that are most needed are listed on the United Way website www.chareunitedway.org, under Find a Donation Drive. Project Connect also requires a large crew of volunteers. These opportunities will be posted on the United Way's Volunteer Connections website in early February. Search on the keywords Project Connect.

CHARLEVOIX

Cash raffle

Party with the Knight of Columbus April 13 at Castle Farms at the 37th annual K of C Cash Raffle party. Tickets are \$150 a couple. Includes all food, entertainment and beverage allowance. Purchase your ticket from Steve Seely: 231-499-3674, Ed Linse: 231-547-4526, Gabe Campbell: 231-547-9739, John Haggard: 231-547-4046, Roger Nesburg: 231-547-5111, Paul Hoelderle: 231-547-6127. Over \$14,750 in cash prizes to be awarded. You could win an extra \$500 if you purchase tickets before March 1.

TRAVERSE CITY

Hiring Our Heroes

Join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on April 23 from 10am to 1pm for a job fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, guard and reserve members, and military spouses at the Northwestern Michigan College, The Hagerty Conference Center, 715 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686. This event will be a one-of-a-kind free hiring fair for both employers and job seekers. For registration questions, please contact us at hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807.

CHARLEVOIX

Breast Cancer 5k Walk & Run

The 19th Annual Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer 5k Walk and Run takes place May 11. Registration begins at 8 am in East Park in Charlevoix, MI. The walk and run begin at 9 am. Everyone is invited to participate, to walk, to donate and to volunteer. If you wish to make a donation please follow this link <http://www.c3f.org/misc/misck-makeagift.htm> to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Website and make sure to note Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer 5k Walk/run.

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Students Host SOUPer Bowl of Caring Food Drive

ELLSWORTH - Since 2009, the National Honor Society of Ellsworth has been rallying students to gather goods in donation to battle hunger. For the past five years leading up to the Super Bowl, while fans are circled around the mounds of pre-game food, it bears reminding all the families going hungry in our area. Thus, the students in Ellsworth get together and host a SOUPer Bowl of Caring food drive. To encourage students in the middle and high school this year they hosted

a canned food sculpture contest. Each grade competed to sculpt an image with the cans or nonperishable foods collected. The groups built castles, a rocket, a pig, a piece of pie, an American flag, and the number six. This year students collected 1088 items. Since the NHS began their endeavors five years ago they have raised \$1562.79 and collected 7351 items to donate to the Good Samaritan. Together they yearn to make a difference.



Student of the Week

Boyne City High School



Garrett Fogo

GRADE: 10

PARENTS:
Matt and Sue Fogo

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Cross Country, DECA, Track and Field

HOBBIES & INTERESTS: Running

FUTURE PLANS/GOALS:
College & Career in Business

STAFF COMMENTS

"Outstanding student, leader, role model, and goes above and beyond" (Mrs. Parker, Accounting Teacher)

"It has been a pleasure getting to know Garrett in Government class. He is a pleasure to have in class and goes above and beyond what is expected! Great job Garrett!" (Mrs. Deming, US History Teacher)

"Garrett is self-motivated, responsible and reliable. He has excellent communications skills, a positive outlook, and strong leadership skills. He's a great Rambler!" (Mr. Thomason, Biology Teacher)

Students of the Month

East Jordan Public Schools



Kaylee Cochran (7th Grade), Michayla Nowka (8th Grade) and Thomas Reid (3rd Grade)

Thomas Reid (3rd Grade)

STAFF COMMENTS

Thomas was the first "mathlete" in 3rd grade (mastered all his addition, subtraction and multiplication facts). Thomas picks his own spelling words (and they are hard; especially, receiver and congruent to name a few) and he has not missed a word ALL YEAR! He is a captivating writer. But above all else he helps his classmates and his teacher...every day.

Michayla Nowka (8th Grade)

STAFF COMMENTS

Mrs. Bergquist - Michayla Nowka tops the chart as a notable student; her vibrant personality generates enthusiasm in our reading discussions, and her individual voice lifts from the page as she shares her well-crafted writing. It is a treat to be part of Michayla's educational experience, making her a worthy recipient for the Student of the Month. Congratulations Michayla!

Mr. Ferguson - Congratulations Michayla! Michayla has been in my history classes for two years now and she is a pleasure to have in class. She always has her work done on time and quite often goes above and beyond what is required. She is an active participant in class and has a keen history mind. She is a deep thinker and her insight and opinions on topics never ceases to amaze me! Michayla is not afraid to be herself and is well respected by her classmates. Way to go Michayla, you are very deserving of this award!

Mr. Komondy - Mickey is a very jovial, outgoing young lady. Mickey is an outstanding student who works hard to achieve her excellent grades. It has been fun working with Mickey the past several years.

Mrs. Noirot - Michayla is a wonderful student because she simply glows with enthusiasm and gives everything her all. She is a beautiful writer and person both inside and out. Her style speaks for itself. In addition, she is intelligent, kind, a marvelous communicator, and most of all shows leadership by being her own person. I want to thank you Michayla for being you!

Kaylee Cochran (7th Grade)

STAFF COMMENTS

Mrs. Bergquist - English: Kaylee is a true example of PRIDE in our middle school. Her bubbly personality makes everyone around her upbeat and happy. Paired with her positive energy is an outstanding work ethic, making her one of the highest achievers in the 7th grade. Congratulations Miss Kaylee Cochran - You are AMAZING!

Mr. Komondy - Math: Kaylee is an exceptionally hard working young lady. She is always "prompt" and ready to go. Kaylee is a great friend and role model to her classmates. It has been a pleasure to work with her this year. Keep up the great work Kaylee!

Mr. Peterson - Science: Kaylee does a great job in Science class. She is prepared, organized, and ready for class each day. She comes in eager to learn, asks good questions, and produces quality work. Kaylee has an "eye on the future" as she has already taken the ACT exam as practice for when she takes it in high school. She has also competed in cross country and basketball, and has worked hard to be successful in both. Lastly, Kaylee's conduct in and out of class is exemplary. What a nice young lady!

Mr. Hamilton - Social Studies: Kaylee is an absolute pleasure to have in class. She goes above and beyond in her assignments and is always kind and respectful to her peers. She consistently comes to class with a positive attitude. She also excels outside of the classroom as well. She joined the Shoe Club this year and has been an important part of the club - planning and organizing events. She also painted the playground equipment near the high school as community service to join the Shoe Club. Not only does she make the school a better place, but she also strives to make our community better. I am extremely proud of her for her positive attitude and excellent work ethic.

Student of the Week

Boyne Falls Elementary

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Richards



GRADE: 3

PARENTS:
Joe & Amanda Richards

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
writing is her favorite subject

HOBBIES & INTERESTS
arts & crafts, practice cheerleading, reading, play with Legos and play outside

FAVORITE BOOK: Magic Tree House series

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?:
Teacher and an author

STAFF COMMENTS

"Elizabeth, known as Lizzy to her friends, is a calm, well-mannered student. She loves to have fun and to help others, but her passion is writing. I predict that she will someday be a published author." (Dianna Brown, 3rd grade teacher)

Are you Surviving or Thriving?

By **Jamie Woodall**

Someone once asked me if I was living or dying. At the time I was climbing Avalanche Mountain in Boyne City on my bike. It was a great question. My lungs were on fire, panted, and struggled to push the pedal down as I bent around another turn and continued heading upward. I couldn't find the breath to even answer my friend. All I could think about was the brain-rocking question, Am I living or dying?



Pastor Jamie Woodall

As some friends have wrestled through hardship in life I've put the same kind of question to them: Are you surviving or thriving? Thriving is much different than surviving. Thriving is positive and communicates forward or upward momentum. Surviving means "just getting by", and quite possibly lacking purpose, direction, or momentum. So I've wondered before, what's the difference between thriving and surviving? What makes one thrive in hardship rather than just survive?

There are a few things I've come to think about when I begin to feel like I'm only surviving rather than thriving: Perspective, Learning, Attitude, Perseverance.

Perspective: In order to really thrive in the midst of difficulty I need to have the right paradigm. Do I see this as an opportunity for growth in my life? Or do I view this problem as a barrier to what I think I deserve - particularly my ease and comfort?

Usually circumstances are out of my control. For example, one of my younger kids likes to whine quite a bit these days. We all

know how much we love to be around whining and complaining, right? I can get frustrated and angry because this child is ruining the environment for all of us, or I can see this as an opportunity to train and show love to this one, realizing we all whine at times and need to learn to respond differently to life. My perspective makes all the difference as to how I end up handling the situation.

Learning: With every hardship there's great opportunity to learn new things about ourselves, others, and inherent laws of the universe God has put in place. One time while I was in college I invested in the pyramid business of selling phone cards. Brilliant idea, eh? After \$200 nonrefundable, haggling all my friends and family, and multiple hours of work, you can imagine what occurred. Nothing!

Not all pyramid businesses are bad. In fact some can be very helpful. However I learned a couple key things. Earning a living through small business is hard work, no matter what the plan is. And building friendships simultaneously while doing business is a conflicting interest that ultimately can break trust if not done appropriately with lots of maturity.

Attitude: Attitude is an aroma. It smells good or bad. Others may or may not know of the difficulty we are facing. Regardless of their knowledge, our attitude can unknowingly impact people around us in huge ways.

A dear friend has come down with cancer. She shared that each day is her opportunity to give thanks to God and show love to others through her pain. She also shared that she could feel God's presence with her. Can you imagine how much positive impact her faith in God through hardship is having on others? She is a huge inspiration to many right now. Attitude is everything and helps us thrive rather than

simply survive.

Perseverance: Paul writes to the Romans, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. (Romans chapter five verse three and four)"

If we persevere in suffering it ultimately leads to hope. Our character grows stronger, and we gain hope for life. This passage of Scripture is in the context of walking with God. The bottom line is that we can become an overcomer. We can thrive! This is a much better option than choosing to be complainer, full of self-pity.

There is an amazing paradoxical theme that runs through the Scriptures like glue. It's found in one word: Suffering. Did you know that every person God chose to use to great things for his work on earth went through tremendous suffering in one way or another.

Just study it some time. Some people who suffered were Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, the 12 followers of Jesus, and finally the one who suffered most for all of us - Jesus. It's even more significant when you study what was accomplished through the hardships of these individuals. Through the suffering of Jesus all were given the opportunity to be rescued and know God personally. You can almost say those who had the fullest lives went through the greatest suffering but responded well.

So to answer our question: How do we thrive in the midst of hardships? A few things can help: perspective, learning, attitude, and perseverance.

Jamie Woodall is the pastor of Genesis Church in Boyne City that meets 11am Sundays at the Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria. Genesis Petoskey meets at NCMC at 9:30am.

Lighthouse Church Hosting Annual Day of Prayer Service

The Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan will host the annual prayer service in celebration of the World Day of Prayer to be held this year on Friday, March 1. The service will begin at 1 pm.

Started in 1887 by Presbyterian laywoman Mary Ellen James, the goal for the World Day of Prayer is to bring together women from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, and Christian traditions through prayer and prayerful action.

Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer. The theme, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," was chosen for the 2013 World Day of Prayer. Services throughout the world will begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration.

In East Jordan a different church hosts the service each year. Traditionally, at least one woman from each church serves on the organizing committee. According to committee member Ginny Carey, "It is an ideal opportunity for East Jordan church people to become better acquainted and pray together for peace and healing in our world. There has never been a time in history when prayer is more needed for our world leaders."

Light refreshments will be served following this year's service. A nursery will be open for those with small children.

The Lighthouse Missionary Church is located at 7874 Rogers Road. For more information, contact Phyllis Adams at 536-0012, or Ginny Carey at 582-5680.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters and opinions may be submitted by e-mail to office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com.

Downstate visitor praises weekend spent at Avalanche Mountain Preserve

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband coaches our local high school varsity girl's basketball team, and we treated them (and his assistant coach and her family) to a weekend "up north" - which to us means Boyne City, Michigan. My husband's family has had a cottage on Lake Charlevoix since before we were married, and we have always enjoyed the many outdoor activities that are at our fingertips, both summer and winter.

Last weekend, we took the basketball team to Avalanche Mt. to go sledding. The weather was perfect! After an hour or so of that, were grateful to have the chance to test the ice skating rink out. The ice was very smooth, the use of ice skates was free, and the complimentary hot chocolate was a big hit with all of us, as the kids (and dads) had gotten a fair amount of snow in the face from sledding! The attendant at the ice rink was accommodating, and turned the music on the outdoor speakers for us to listen to while skating; it was a nice touch that the kids liked :)

There was also an exchange student from Finland with the group, who was the best ice skater of us all! She loved it, and kept requesting that we take pictures of her ice skating. My husband and I were glad to show the girls how nice it is "up north," and hope that they will encourage their families to take advantage of all that Michigan has to



After enjoying their visit to Avalanche Mountain Preserve last weekend, these downstate visitors couldn't say enough good things about the wonderful time, friendly people, and great atmosphere they experienced in the Boyne City area. COURTESY PHOTO

offer.

It was a great weekend, and we were happy that we could find something fun to do outside, while NOT spending an extreme amount of money. We gladly gave a donation in the Avalanche Mt. ice rink warming

house, and look forward to our next trip to Boyne City. Keep up the great atmosphere! Sincerely,

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US Fish & Wildlife Service announces annual Endangered Species Day Youth Art Contest

Parents, teachers and scout leaders, tell your kids to start the drawing engines and participate in the annual Endangered Species Day Youth Art Contest, an integral part of the eighth annual national Endangered Species Day, celebrated on May 17, 2013.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and numerous conservation organizations will observe Endangered Species Day to recognize conservation efforts underway across the nation aimed at helping America's imperiled species. This year also commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Endangered Species Act.

Started in 2006 by the United States Congress, Endangered Species Day is a celebration of the nation's rarest plant and animal species. The Youth Art Contest provides students from kindergarten to high school with an opportunity to learn about threatened and endangered species and express their knowledge and support through artwork. Young artists who are home schooled and participate in youth groups are also eligible

to submit their art. Previous winners have come from California, Minnesota, New Jersey, Louisiana and as far away as Alaska. Entries must be post-marked by March 15, 2013.

This year, the Endangered Species Day Youth Art Contest finalists will be judged by a prestigious panel of artists, photographers and conservationists, including Wyland, renowned marine life artist; Jack Hanna, host of Jack Hanna's Into the Wild; David Littschwager, a freelance photographer and regular contributor to National Geographic Magazine; Susan Middleton, a photographer who has collaborated with Littschwager and whose own work has been published in four books; and Alice Tangerini, botanical illustrator for the Smithsonian Institution.

The International Child Art Foundation (ICAF) will select the 40 semifinalists from thousands of entries. It takes empathy, direct action and awareness to prevent the extinction of endangered species. Art can certainly play an important role.

The Youth Art Contest is an ideal platform to engage the next generation.

Winners will be chosen in four categories: K-Grade 2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12, and will receive plaques and art supply gift packs. In addition, one grand prize winner will be honored with their name engraved on a special trophy and receive a round-trip flight to Washington, D.C. with one guardian to attend a reception in May. The grand prize winner will also receive art supplies and a special art lesson (via Skype) from Wyland, the artist.

The Youth Art Contest is organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Endangered Species Coalition, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the International Child Art Foundation. For more information, including judging criteria and an entry form, visit <http://www.endangeredspeciesday.org/>.

NCCMC offers Organic Farming Series

North Central Michigan College will offer workshops for farmers and gardeners on Mondays from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. These workshops are presented by Corporate and Community Education at North Central, the Michigan Land Use Institute (MLUI) and the USDA Risk Management Agency. All will be held on the Petoskey campus in Room 536 in the Student and Community Resource Center.

Larry Dyer, Ph.D., agricultural ecology consultant, will teach this series of workshops which give participants a working knowledge of organic farm practices. The workshops will include classroom instruction, as well as hands-on practice in the community garden and field trips to area farms. Sign up for the series and receive a certificate of completion or sign up for individual sessions.

To encourage the growth of successful, sustainable agricultural practices in our region, MLUI and North Central will offer these workshops to farmers at a 50 percent discount.

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February 25: Ecological Disease Management

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March 18: Perennial Polyculture: Creating Diverse, Beautiful, and Bountiful Landscapes

March 25: Organic Certification - Creating the Organic Systems Plan

April 29: Making and Using Compost

Each class is \$25, or \$200 for the entire series. For more information or to register for these workshops see www.ncmich.edu/cce/ or call 231-348-6705.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPT.

Monday, February 4

8:44am Report of possible fraud on Facebook
1:39pm Sibling dispute in the 700 block of West St
2:02pm Vehicle unlock in the 300 block of E Division St
5:07pm Verbal dispute in the 200 block of Vogel St

Tuesday, February 5,

8:05am Complaint of loud trucks on E Main St during previous night
8:20am Civil complaint from the 400 block of State St
1:28pm Suspicious messages left in the 1000 block of Brockway St
2:58pm Suspicious messages left in the 100 block of S Lake St
3:24pm Civil standby in the 1300 block of Boyne Av
3:45pm Welfare check requested in the 400 block of Groveland St
4:23pm Assist Sheriff Department with warrant arrest in the 600 block of Adams St
4:35pm Report of suspicious activity in the Avalanche parking lot
5:04pm Warrant arrest in the 300 block of E Division St
6:25pm 2 vehicle property damage accident at East and River Streets
6:46pm Report of possible domestic assault in the 300 block of Silver St
7:35pm Threatening phone calls received in the 100 block of Silver St
8:55pm Report of audible alarm going off in the 400 block of N Lake St
10:21pm Domestic dispute in the 300 block of Groveland St
11:10pm Intoxicated subject in the 300 block of Groveland St
11:55pm Report of subject receiving harassing text messages.

Wednesday, February 6

10:11am Parking complaint received in the 200 block of E Water St
12:02pm Vehicle unlock in 1300 block of Boyne Av
1:00pm Gasoline drive off in the 200 block of S Lake St. Subject returned to pay.
4:14pm Report of subject creating disturbance in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:00pm Report of subject yelling at people in the 400 block of N Lake St
10:10pm Welfare check requested in the 500 block of Knollwood Ct

Thursday, February 7

11:33am Gasoline drive off from the 200 block of S Lake St
12:39pm Subject at PD with suspicious item he found in the 500 block of N Lake St
1:22pm Report of MIP tobacco in the 1000 block of Boyne Av
2:15pmKey fob turned in
2:39pm Abandoned vehicle at Vogel and East St
2:44pm Private property hit and run accident reported in the 400 block of N Lake St
4:45pm Possible stolen items turned into PD
4:47pm Subject in with incorrigible child
4:51pm Elderly confused male wandering around N Park St. Was returned home.
5:13pm Possible scam reported in the 800 block of Thompson St
10:36pm Citation issued for disregarding steady yellow light at Lake and Water Streets

Friday, February 8

9:37am Report of lost keys and fob. Not the one from yesterday.
11:34am Report of lost keys in the area of Avalanche
12:30pm Served No Trespass Order
1:14pm Report of subject impeding traffic and yelling at

cars in the 400 block of N Lake St
1:35pm Subject reports windows broken out of car in the 300 block of Collings St
2:28pm Report of subject who had been creating disturbance in the 100 block of S Lake St
7:21pm Elderly confused subject found walking on State St near Hannah. Was returned home to N Park St.

Saturday, February 9

11:07am Report of lost cell phone. Was located by owner.
9:15pm Arrested subject for DWLS at Bailey and East Streets
9:28pm Assist EMS in the 300 block of E Division St
10:52pm Civil complaint in the 200 block of Vogel St

Sunday, February 10

11:43am Citation issued for speed at State and Call St
1:12pm Report of subject blocking alley in the 200 block of S Lake St
3:00pm Alarm in the 100 block of River St
3:20pm Report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of E Division St
3:49pm Report of open intoxicants in the 400 block of N Lake St
5:28pm Trespassing complaint received from the 100 block of N Park St
7:55pm Report of suspicious situation on M-75
8:21pm Vehicle unlock in the 1400 block of Boyne Av
8:49pm Report of intoxicated subject in the 400 block of Boyne Av
11:02pm Assist to Sheriff Dept on Boyne City Rd

CHX. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.

February 11-17, 2013

911 Hang Up Call.....2
Abandoned Vehicle.....0
Abuse.....0

Alarm.....9
Animal Complaint.....9
Annoyance.....0
Assault.....1
Assist Citizen.....4
Assist Motorist.....2
Assist Other Agency.....11
Attempt to Locate.....1
Attempted Suicide.....1
Bank Alarm.....0
Boating Accident.....0
Boating Violation.....0
Breaking & Entering.....0
Car/Deer Accident.....5
Citations Issued.....8
Civil Complaint.....1
Criminal Sexual Conduct.....0
Death.....0
Disorderly Person.....0
Disturbance.....1
DNR Complaint.....1
Domestic Dispute.....1
Driving Complaint.....6
Fireworks Complaint.....0
Found Property.....0
Fraud.....2
Health & Safety.....0
Hit & Run.....0
Intoxicated Person.....1
Juvenile.....1
Larceny.....3
Lockout.....5
Lost Property.....1
Malicious Destruction of Property.....0
Mental Subject.....1
Minor In Possession.....0
Miscellaneous Criminal.....1
Missing Person.....0
Noise Complaint.....0
Operating Under the Influence 2
Paper Service.....8
Parking Violation.....1
Personal Injury Accident.....2
Personal Protection Order.....2
Private Property Accident.....1
Property Check.....33
Property Damage Accident.....9
Prowler.....0
Road Hazard.....3
Stalking.....0
Suspicious Situation.....8
Threat.....2
Traffic Stop.....32
Trespassing.....1
Unknown Accident.....0
Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile.....0

Vehicle in the Ditch11
Violation of Controlled Substance Act.....0

ACCIDENTS & INVESTIGATIONS

Crozier Rd. Accident leaves on injured.

On Sunday February 10, 2013 at approximately 7:29 p.m. the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a minor personal injury accident on Deer Lake Road near Crozier Road in Wilson Township.

66 year old Jose Encarnacion-Orillana of East Jordan lost control of his 2005 Chevy Colorado pick-up truck on icy roads and caused damage to his truck as he slid into the ditch. Encarnacion-Orillana complained of minor lower back pain as a result of the crash. His passenger, 58 year old Paul Walden of East Jordan, complained of minor neck pain.

Both occupants declined EMS and will make their own arrangements for medical care if needed.

Personal Injury Accident on Marion Center Rd.

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports on Thursday, 02/14/13, at 16:55 hours the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle personal injury traffic crash which occurred on Marion Center Road just north of Clark Road in Marion Township.

Sixteen year old Shane Sutherland, of Charlevoix, was traveling northbound on Marion Center Road on the icy roadway when he lost control and his vehicle spun backwards and struck a southbound vehicle. The southbound vehicle was being driven by 38 year old Karrie Gaffney, also of Charlevoix. Gaffney was uninjured in the crash while Sutherland received minor lacerations on both his lower legs.

Sutherland was treated at the scene. The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Charlevoix EMS.

Petoskey Resident killed in collision

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports just before 11:00am on Saturday, February 16, 2013, emergency responders from Charlevoix City and Township EMS/Fire along with Allied EMS and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office were called to a two vehicle accident which occurred at the intersection of Upper Bayshore and Murray Road in Hayes Township.

The accident occurred when 65 year old Petoskey resident George Moore failed to stop for a stop sign and was struck by a plow truck driven by 61 year old East Jordan resident Douglas Scott. The passenger in Moore's car, 64 year old Petoskey resident Garnette Moore, died at the scene as a result of her injuries. The accident is under investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

Personal Injury Crash

Sheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider reports on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 6:01 pm the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle personal injury traffic crash at the intersection of South Barnard Road and Klooster Road in Marion Township.

Twenty-two year old Hillary Cunningham of Charlevoix was turning left onto Klooster Rd. from South Barnard Road in her 2005 Nissan Murano when she was struck on her driver's side front fender by an eastbound vehicle. Cunningham's head struck her side window and she complained of head pain, she refused EMS.

The eastbound vehicle was being driven by 59 year old Robert Vance of Petoskey. Vance was traveling eastbound on Klooster Road when he failed to yield for Cunningham's vehicle. Neither Vance nor his passenger, 57 year old Mark Dvoracek of Charlevoix, were injured in the crash.



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Michigan's American Idol appearing at Crooked Tree

Saturday, March 2nd, American Idol Finalist Matt Giraud will be taking the stage at the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 7:30pm. Matt is a pianist, vocalist and Michigan native who appeared on the 8th season of the popular television show.

Matt attended college at Western Michigan University where he studied vocal jazz under the legendary Steve Zegree. Believe it or not, Matt didn't play the piano until he got to WMU and found a piano in the lobby of his dorm. During his stint at WMU, he put together the 'Giraud - Mattei' project, which won a Downbeat Magazine Award for 'Outstanding College Performance, Blues/Pop/Rock Group'. The President's office at WMU then awarded Matt a \$1,000 scholarship, which, like all good musicians, he spent on an instrument. Owning that keyboard enabled him to join a cover band which performed all over western Michigan. With his new repertoire Matt was able to get a job as a piano player in a dueling piano bar. (More amazingly, this guy who began playing just a few short years ago now has an endorsement deal with Yamaha pianos.)

Fast forward to 2008, American Idol Season 8. Matt went to his first Idol audition with no advance notice. He was asked by a friend to come along for moral support, and decided as long as he was there he may as well audition. Several stellar performances led him to the top 11, where he was



American Idol Finalist Matt Giraud will appear March 2

eliminated in the voting but stayed on as a result of the first ever judges' save. He eventually finished 5th, and his soulful performance of 'My Funny Valentine' led to outstanding reviews from Simon Cowell. On the subsequent national American Idol Live tour Matt received rave reviews, and has on numerous occasions been considered to having "stole the show." He has also appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Today Show, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, Access Hollywood, Live with Regis and Kelly, and The Larry King Live Special featuring the Top Ten Idol contestants of that year.

Matt's success on American Idol has also led to more than just television appearances. While playing a private event in Los Angeles put together by Idol creator Simon Fuller, he was discovered by vocalist Anna Wilson. Anna flew Matt to Nashville to record a duet of the country classic 'You Don't Know Me', which was released on i-tunes and quickly rose to #1 on the i-tunes Jazz chart. The popular rendition also appears on Anna's latest CD project, 'Countryopolitan Duets' which features singers like Keith Urban and Billy Dean. Matt's soulful vocals have caught the attention of several other notable artists, including chart topper Jim Brickman. Matt appears as the vocalist on 'Thank You', Brickman's 2010 single that reached #16 on the Hot AC and AC charts.

See Matt perform Saturday, March 2nd at 7:30pm at Crooked Tree Arts Center; reserved seats available at www.crookedtree.org, or by calling 231.347.4337.

Swirl at Crooked Tree Arts Center February 28

Crooked Tree Arts Center presents Swirl on Thursday, February 28 featuring a sampling of creative appetizers and fine wines from Lake Street Market of Boyne City. Local Guitar/vocalist Bob Greenway will perform in the galleries.

Swirl is a monthly wine tasting with music and the most recent art exhibit on display. Each month the arts center pairs with local wine purveyors and restaurants and performers for each Swirl. Two exhibits will be open for viewing— Annual Juried Photography and Nocturne. "Lake Street Market always creates a beautiful and delicious display of their fine gourmet cheeses and char-

cuterie" noted Bill Millar, CTAC Board President.

Doors open at 5:30 pm with food and music running to 7:00. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 per person the day of Swirl, when available and may be purchased online at www.crookedtree.org or calling 231-347-4337.

Swirl continues in 2013 on Thursdays with:

- March 28, Harbor Springs IGA with music by Pete Kehoe
- April 25, Galley Gourmet with music by Howard Richards
- May 23, City Park Grill with music by Chris Koury
- A special Summer Super

Swirl will be held Wednesday, August 21 from 5:30-8:00 pm with Glen's Fresh Market providing wines and foods. This Super Swirl will be a strolling tasting, music & art event with demonstrations and performances throughout the arts center and the Carnegie Building. Tickets for this event are \$25 in advance \$30 at the door.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231-347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey.

Digitization Projects Completed

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the completion of three digitization projects: Oral Traditions Videos, 1901 Plat Book, and the Rayder Yearbooks. Through funding from the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, these projects came to fruition after much planning from the staff. It was determined that digitizing the unique library collections and making them accessible on the website will not only preserve these items for generations, but increase the accessibility for genealogists and other enthusiasts throughout the world.

The Oral Traditions series includes 21 separate video recordings of local residents talking about their life in Charlevoix and nine additional video recordings of local veterans talking about their war memories. The veteran recordings are also part of the Library of Congress' Veteran's His-

tory Project. The 1901 plat book was digitized and now provides easy access to what the county looked like at the turn of the century. Digitizing the Rayder Yearbooks was a top priority as "the current print editions are showing signs of wear and decomposition, the digital copies will ensure access for years to come," states Adult Services Librarian, Linda Adams. Preserving them in this manner will keep the records available forever. The Yearbooks are searchable and printable, so looking for photos is quite easy.

All three of these collections can be found on the library's historical collections site at: www.charlevoixlibrary.org/charlevoix-history/historical-collections. For more information about this or other projects at the library stop by at 220 W Clinton St. or call the Information Desk at 231.237.7340.

United Way "Check-off"

While you fill out your 2012 Michigan tax return forms, don't forget to "check off" for the United Way Fund. This is a quick way for Michigan residents to use their tax returns to easily donate to the United Way Fund, which was created to help low to moderate income Michigan families with basic needs like food, clothing and shelter.

"The United Way Fund is a check-off option for Michigan tax-payers again this year," explains Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "Although there are many other great options, the United Way Fund is an easy way to impact a wide range of community needs with one donation. All of the check-offs from tax-payers in Charlevoix and Emmet

Counties will be returned to Char-Em United Way and used to support basic human services in our community."

Tax-payers can indicate if they would like to donate all or part of their Michigan tax returns on Form 4642 of their state income tax return. The funds donated will be returned to the tax-payer's local United Way, based on the zip code of their filing address.

"The funds are earmarked to directly benefit needy families in our community," continues Lancaster. "The need in Northern Michigan is still great and making a donation to help ease the burden so many are facing has never been easier! This year, be sure to "check off" for the United Way Fund."

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Tax Time Help Available

The Charlevoix Senior Center is again offering free tax help for taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those folks who are age 60 and older.

The program will be available every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., beginning on February 12th and ending on April 9th 2013.

Our team consists of: Linnny Arnold, Randy Cebulski, Evelyn Davis, Bill Keehn, John Loucks, and Nancy Moore.

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CHARLEVOIX SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 21 Back Porch music 1 pm Pinochle	Friday, February 22 9:30 am Craft Class 10 am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Rummy	Monday, February 25 10am Sit and Be Fit 1 pm Pinochle 1 pm Wood Carving 7p Bible Study	Tuesday, February 26 1pm Paint Class 1 pm Rummy	Wednesday, February 27 1 pm Cash Bingo	Thursday, February 28 Music by Adolph Cwik 1 pm Pinochle
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BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 21 Wii Bowling	Friday, February 22 Roger Keyboard 11-12 Raffle B-Day Day	Monday, February 25 Bingo	Tuesday, February 26 Craft Class Wii practice	Wednesday, February 27 Line Dance Brown-Bag Bingo	Thursday, February 28 Wii Bowling
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, February 21 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table	Friday, February 22 11am Backwoods Maestros Bake Raffle	Monday, February 25 8-1pm Walking M-F	Tuesday, February 26 11am Line Dancing 12:30 Bingo 1pm Paint class	Wednesday, February 27 1pm Movie & Popcorn	Thursday, February 28 Game Day: Uno/ Wii Fun Pool Table
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